

House Resolution 1003

By: Representatives Belton of the 112th, Dickerson of the 113th, Welch of the 110th, and Rutledge of the 109th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Arts Association in Newton County; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Arts Association in Newton County, a 501(c)(3) serving the Newton County
4 area for over 25 years, now serves an eight-county area touching students through its Young
5 Artists Programs from over 50 schools; and

6 WHEREAS, Newton County is situated approximately one hour from Atlanta, Athens,
7 Macon, and Augusta, and though it is close to these bigger cities with many arts offerings,
8 Covington, the county seat, is an area where many would receive no arts programming; and

9 WHEREAS, the Arts Association provides its community extensive offerings in arts
10 education and entertainment, including the Young Artists Programs offered throughout the
11 school year. Covington Regional Ballet and School offers a quality pre-professional dance
12 curriculum as well as a recreational curriculum and boasts one of the two dance teachers in
13 the state chosen to teach at the prestigious Governor's Honors Program. Oxford Singers,
14 auditioned choirs, ages 1st -12th grades who also perform acclaimed musical theatre shows
15 each spring, the new Newton County Youth Strings, Suzuki Strings training program which
16 has doubled in size since its start last year, the Newton County Community Band for the
17 young and young at heart. During the summer, camps are run weekly and include Creative
18 Kids Camp, dance intensives and camps, acting camp and Musical Theatre Camp; and

19 WHEREAS, Programming for Young Artists is so respected that parents drive from Athens,
20 Bishop, Madison, and McDonough for participation for their students; and

21 WHEREAS, the Arts Association partners with the Newton County School System, local
22 private schools, and Oxford College of Emory University to provide education in the arts to
23 their school students; and

24 WHEREAS, the Arts Association brings continued economic growth and quality of life to
25 the community through partnerships with the local governments and associations.

26 NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body recognize the Arts Association in Newton County, its staff, board
28 of directors, program participants, and their families for their service to its community and
29 youth and extend our warmest best wishes for continued success.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
32 Arts Association in Newton County.